been evolved by the Government to accord the highest priority for allocation of land to schools and educational institutions in Delhi.

(b) Not applicable in view of reply to (a) above.

Shortage of drinkink water in metropolitan cities

3226. SHRI RAJANI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is acute shortage of drinking water in metropolitan cities, and

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to take to increase the availability of drinking water

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Water Supply is a state subject. It is the responsibility of the State Government/local body to provide adequate safe drinking water to the people in urban areas including metropolitan cities.

Due to rapid urbanisation and scarcity of raw water on account of depletion of ground water sources and lack of nearby surface water resources, the demand for drinking water as well as the cost for providing the same is increasing.

The Ministry of Urban Development has drawn the attention of the State Governments to the need for making the sector self-sustaining by cost recovery through user charges and conferring greater autonomy to the corporations/municipalities in the matter of fixation tariffs.

World Bank assistance is being provided for augmentation of water supply facilities in Bombay, Madras and Hyderabad under the following projects :—

Project	Cost (Rs. Crores)	World Bank assistance (US $ Million)
1. 3rd Bombay Water Supply & Sewerage . . .	800.0	185.0
2. Madras Water Supply & Sanitation . . .	205.0	69.0
3. Hyderabad Water Supply & Sanitation . .	257.06	79.9

Fire in Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi

3227. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of damage caused by fire which took place in Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi on 4th March, 1993;

(b) what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) the names of high-rise buildings owned by Government and private concerns in Delhi for which fire clearance certificate have not so far been obtained and the raesons therefor; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take against the defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON- : (a) Office records, furniture, electrical fittings, false ceiling etc. are reported to have been damaged due to fire on the 4th and 5th floors in Udyog Bhawan.

(b) The Committee constituted by CPWD to enquire into the fire in Udyog Bhawan has not been able to pinpoint the specific cause of fire.

(c) A list of unsafe government and private high-rise buildings is given in the statement attached (*See* below). Fire clearance certificate are issued by the Delhi Fire Service on completion of all fire safety related measures in the high rise buildings.

(d) The Delhi Fire Service had issued notices to occupiers of unsafe government and private buildings deficient in fire safety